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SENATOR PROUD: Oh, you set up a separate system.

SENATOR MOYLAN: Not to exceed 10¢.

SENATOR PROUD: Do you think that was understood by these gentlemen who were voting.

SENATOR MOYLAN: No, I do not.

PRESIDENT: All right, next to speak is Senator Nore.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President and fellow members, I think we're probably missing something that we should be looking at. And that is these mass transit funds that come out of our Federal Highway allotment with the Carpenter amendment we may have millions of dollars taken out of our highway federal allotment which will..would normally go into building a road. Have you thought about that. You fellow living outside of Omaha and Lincoln. Have you thought about it. How many millions of dollars are you going to loose in your road program. You're should..some-one is going to have to pay for this and it comes out of the Federal..State Federal Highway Department Funds, a part of it. And it could run into millions of dollars. So when we want a road out here, or in outstate Nebraska, they are going to say we don't have the Federal Highway Allotment money. They've been used lby the mass transit folks in Lincoln and Omaha. Think about it.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kelley. We're debating LB 762.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President and members of the body. I've been following this debate and intent. And earnestly been trying to figure out what's going on. I've supported everything that's come along in this whirlwind because I do want transportation for the elderly. But I've heard a thread all the way through this debate that we're going the elderly ride for 10¢ on bus systems. I respectfully submit to this body that there is not an adequate in any community in--the whole state of Nebraska. And if they ride it for a dime, a nickel or fifty cents, and if any way this bill, or these amendments or anything else will produce these busing systems, I will continually be voting, yes, yes, yes.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Whitney, and I think Senator Whitney has a question of Senator Clark. Is that correct Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Yes. A few moments ago when Senator Proud asked you the question as to the reason for the bill in the first place, that and removing the control by the Public Service Commission there was so much noise over here by Senators that I couldn't hear what you said. And I'd like to know what the reason of the original bill was.

SENATOR CLARK: The reason is, that at the present time we charge what the people can afford to pay. These busses were furnished to us, to all of the communities outstate with Federal Grants. Not a total Federal Grant, because the city or county paid a portion. But only a portion. For instance the City of Bellvue, they have a bus that cost \$14,500. The grant was for \$10,875, and they paid the difference. The same happens all over the State of Nebraska. Hall county, Scottsbluff County, they all pay something on this.